National Aeronautics and Space Administration

**Lewis Research Center** Cleveland, Ohio 44135



Reply to Attn of 1620

June 30, 1988

US Environmental Protection Agency Attn: Jeanne Griffin Region V 230 S. Dearborn Street (5HR-11) Chicago, IL 60604

SUBJECT: Preliminary Assessment Reports for

Lewis Research Center and Plum Brook Station

Enclosed are the Preliminary Assessments for Lewis Research Center and Plum Brook Station. The delay in the delivery of these documents was caused by the late arrival of the Preliminary Assessment for Plum Brook Station, and some confusion as to who would forward them to you.

If there are any questions, please contact me at FTS 297-3015.

Albert B. Smith

Chief, Environmental Health and Chemical Analysis Branch

2 Enclosures

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## POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT ART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT

I. IDENTIFICATION				
01 STATE	02 SITE NUMBER			
	080005035			

PART 1 - SITE INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT							
II. SITE NAME AND LOCATION							
01 SITE NAME (Legal common or descriptive name of site)		02 STREET, ROUTE NO , OR SPECIFIC LOCATION IDENTIFIER					
NASA - Lewis Research Center		21000 Brookpark Road					
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Cleveland Hopkins Airport							ľ
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III. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES						<del></del>	
01 OWNER (Manown) National Aeronautics	and Space	02 STREE	T (Business making	resident	( <b>1</b>		
Administration	_	2100	) Brookpa	ark	Road		
03 CITY		04 STATE	05 ZIP CODE	1	06 TELEPHONE NUMBER	1	
Cleveland		OH	44135	- 1	(216) 433–3015		
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Note: PCB Compliance Inspec CON	TRACTOR NAME(S)				tapecity)		
02 SITE STATUS (Check one)	03 YEARS OF OPERA				<del></del>		
□ A ACTIVE □ B INACTIVE □ C UNKNOWN  1945 Present □ UNKNOWN  BEGINNING YEAR ENDING YEAR							
04 DESCRIPTION OF SUBSTANCES POSSIBLY PRESENT, KNOW		EGINNING Y	H ENDIN	G VE AH	<del></del>		
Multiple sources from activities							:
drums, tanks, equipment, coal pile, b	atteries, salt stances and was	dome,	and PCB com	ntam 200	ination at Substat	100 A.	1
Improper containment of hazardous substances and wastes at Buildings 209, 109, 136, 301, 302 and 35 observed. Also, mercury usage prevalent throughout facility with lack of proper management and							
control, no clear indication of proper cleanup of spill incidents (no sampling or testing).							
Current handling and storage prostored on their side and several area	ictices could ci	reate a	n environm	enta	l hazard with "emp	oty" drums	
stored on their side and several areas observed where mixed hazardous wastes are stored without secondary containment. Drums stored near waterways in nearly all situations observed. There is also							
potential for groundwater contamination. Hydrazine located next to firing range is an eminent hazard.							
V. PRIORITY ASSESSMENT							
O1 PRIORITY FOR INSPECTION (Check one If high or medium is checked complete Parl 2 - Waste Information and Parl 3 Description of Mazardous Conditions and Incidental							
VI. INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM							
01 CONTACT	02 OF (Agency/Organis	Hipn)				03 TELEPHONE	NUMBER
Al Smith	NASA - Le				(216) 433	-3015	
04 PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR ASSESSMENT	05 AGENCY		ANIZATION		07 TELEPHONE NUMBER	08 DATE	
David Michael Finton		Ebas	co/		614)761-2005		
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# POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE

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III. WASTE T	YPE	<del></del>		<del></del>	·		
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SLU	SLUDGE		2000	gallons	Stored in	concrete pit	at Bldg. 4
OLW	OILY WASTE						
SOL	SOLVENTS	<del> </del>	440*	gallons	Mixed solv	ents, aceton	e. MEK.
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ACD	ACIDS		*Special n	nte: There	were sever	al (20 or mo	re) drums
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IV. HAZARD	OUS SUBSTANCES 500 A	coencia for most frequen		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
O CATEGORY	02 SUBSTANCE N	IAME	03 CAS NUMBER	04 STORAGE DIS	POSAL METHOD	05 CONCENTRATION	DE MEASURE OF
SOL	Acetone		67-64-1	drums/cont	ract haul	No informat	
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VI. SOURCE	S OF INFORMATION	specific references e g	state Mes. sample analysis	reports )			
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## POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

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01	STATE	02 SITE NUMBER
	OH	080005035

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II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS		
01 X A GROUNDWATER CONTAMINATION 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED undefined	02 D OBSERVED (DATE	POTENTIAL TALLEGED
Multiple potentially contaminating	ng activities is "South 4	0" area, improper
outside storage with no secondary		· -
301, 302 and 35.	·	
01 The SURFACE WATER CONTAMINATION 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED undefined	02 T OBSERVED (DATE	X POTENTIAL TALLEGED
Storm sewer system has been impac		
site. Current drum handling/stor	age practices near water	ways may be resulting in
surface water contamination from	runoff.	
01 T C CONTAMINATION OF AIR 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED	02 TOBSERVED (DATE	) I POTENTIAL I ALLEGED
None observed or alleged.		
01xx0 FIRE EXPLOSIVE CONDITIONS ON-base 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED Staff	D2 T OBSERVED (DATE _2/24/88 O4 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	) POTENTIAL ALLEGED
1. Storage of highly volatile (		other mixed hazardous
wastes was observed at Buildi		
<ol> <li>Mixing of hazardous wastes in ings 109, 136, 301, 302, and</li> </ol>		as was observed at Build-
01 T E DIRECT CONTACT 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED		) POTENTIAL ALLEGED
None observed or alleged.		
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01 2 F CONTAMINATION OF SOIL 03 AREA POTENTIALLY AFFECTED undefined	02% OBSERVED (DATE 2/24/88 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	) T POTENTIAL T ALLEGED
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01XXG DRINKING WATER CONTAMINATION ON-base 03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED staff	02 L OBSERVED (DATE	X POTENTIAL C ALLEGED
Discussions with staff indicate a	coliform problem with w	ater supplied to Buildings
202, 203 and 204 at the "South 40		
been observed due to limited use	of an oversized water di	stribution system.
01 & H WORKER EXPOSURE/INJURY OT-base 03 WORKERS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED Staff	02 COBSERVED (DATE	POTENTIAL E ALLEGED
<ol> <li>Improper mixing of wastes in 415.</li> </ol>	storage may result in wo	orker exposure at Building
2. Feedstock and waste handling worker exposure.	practices observed at Bu	ilding 109 could cause
01 DI POPULATION EXPOSURE/INJURY	02 C OBSERVED (DATE	) C POTENTIAL C ALLEGED
03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED	04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	
None observed or alleged.		

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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT
PART 3 - DESCRIPTION OF HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS

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I. IDENTIFICATION

01 STATE 02 SITE NUMBER

OH 080005035

II. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS AND INCIDENTS (Continued)	
01XXJ DAMAGE TO FLORA 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 & OBSERVED (DATE 1987 photo)   POTENTIAL   ALLEGED
Distressed vegetation observed in (see Attachment 1).	n photographs of "South 40" area taken in 1987
01 宏 K DAMAGE TO FAUNA 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (Include name(s) of species)	02 - OBSERVED (DATE)
	ndangered vertebrate potentially threatened from
	ne Falcon is known to migrate along rivers and lake ental Resources Document", May 1983).
01 25: L CONTAMINATION OF FOOD CHAIN 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 🗆 OBSERVED (DATE) ቖ POTENTIAL 🗆 ALLEGED
Fishing may occur in Abram Creek	or Rocky River.
01 芒州 UNSTABLE CONTAINMENT OF WASTES	02 C OBSERVED (DATE) D POTENTIAL D ALLEGED
03 POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED	04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION
(See Continuation)	
01 T N DAMAGE TO OFFSITE PROPERTY 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 C OBSERVED (DATE) DOTENTIAL ALLEGED
None observed or alleged.	
01 % O CONTAMINATION OF SEWERS STORM DRAINS. WWW 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION Multiple spill in of the center. Many spills of hazadustrial sewer systems.	Ps 02 SOBSERVED (DATE) SPOTENTIAL DALLEGED cidents have been reported over the operating life ardous substances entered storm, sanitary, or in-
01 T.P. ILLEGAL UNAUTHORIZED DUMPING 04 NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION	02 □ OBSERVED (DATE) □ POTENTIAL □ ALLEGED
None observed or alleged.	
OF STREET, OF ANY OTHER KNOWN POTENTIAL OR AL	LECED MATABOO
05 DESCRIPTION OF ANY OTHER KNOWN, POTENTIAL, OR AL	LEGED HAZARDS
None observed or alleged.	
III. TOTAL POPULATION POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:	
IV. COMMENTS	
(See Summary).	
V. SOURCES OF INFORMATION (Cite specific references e.g. state to	les sample analysis reports)
(See Summary).	

Preliminary Assessment Report
for
Lewis Research Center
National Aeronautics and
Space Administration
Cleveland, Ohio

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#### . VISIT

During the three-day period, 22-24 February 1988, Ebasco Services representatives visited the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) research facility at Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, Ohio. The purpose of the visit was to complete the Preliminary Assessment EPA requires of federal facilities listed on the Federal Facilities Docket. Ebasco representatives on hand included Mr. Stephen Turner, and Mr. Michael Finton. Dr. Julian Earls, Dr. Albert Smith and Mr. Michael Mapp represented NASA, LeRC.

The NASA Lewis Research Center is located adjacent to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport on the south side of Cleveland, Ohio. The facility was opened initially in 1941 as the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Aircraft Engine Research Laboratory. After NASA was formed in 1958, the facility has become the lead center for research and technology development in aircraft propulsion, space propulsion, space power and satellite communications. The 100 building facility is bounded on the east by the airport. Abrams Creek cuts a deep ravine through the facility and adjoins Rocky River which is on the west edge of the property. A metropolitan park is across the river and private residences are located to the southwest.

Due to the nature of the operations being in the area of research and development, waste streams are variable but relatively low volume. Acids and solvents are used for parts and equipment cleaning. There are also small amounts of low-level radioactive wastes generated. There are several PCB containing transformers which involve handling and waste generation of PCBs. Mercury is prevalent in pressure gauges and diffusion pumps at the facility. Hazardous liquid wastes are accumulated in drums at various locations throughout the facility and eventually sent to Building 415 for interim storage. Lab packed wastes consisting of large numbers of small bottles of various wastes are also prevalent due to the many research and development activities occurring at LeRC.

#### 2. AREAS OF CONCERN

Dr. Albert Smith, Chief of Environmental Health and Chemical Analysis Branch at LeRC, was able to provide information on LeRC's past and current hazardous waste management practices. We have included two site maps, one of the entire LeRC facility and one that details the "South 40" area (Attachment 1). Areas of concern, for which there are data gaps sufficient enough to warrant further investigation on LeRC's part include the following:

e South 40 Area has several potential sources of contamination based on the activities described and observed in the area. In addition to review of files provided by Dr. Albert Smith, Chief of the Environmental Health and Safety Analysis Branch and other NASA staff, an automobile (windshield) site visit was conducted in the "South 40" area. Personnel in attendance during the site visit included Mr. Stephen Turner and Mr. Michael Finton both representing Ebasco Services and Dr. Albert Smith, Mr. Michael Mapp and Joseph Mills, all three from NASA LeRC. Areas of concern observed during the site visit that require attention or for

which there are data gaps sufficient enough to warrant further investigation on LeRC's part in the "South 40" area include the following:

- <u>Building 209</u> was the first area in South 40 observed. There were "empty" drums positioned on their sides and stacked. There were used car batteries piled on wooden pallets next to the drums. This area is adjacent to a coal pile. The entire area drains into a retaining basin. Storage of drums and batteries on the ground outside without secondary containment represents a potential threat to the environment.
- Salvage Area adjacent to Substation A was observed to have approximately 30 "empty" drums positioned on their sides and stacked four high. The practice of storing drums in such a manner represents a potential threat to the environment.
- <u>Substation A</u> was observed by Michael Finton representing Ebasco and Vernon Parrish, Coordinator of PCBs for LeRC during separate site visit the same day, February 24, 1988. Three drums were positioned on their side at the entrance to Substation A. A 5200 gallon capacity transformer was found to be leaking PCBs of greater than 500 ppm concentration coating the outer surface of the transformer and dripping onto the ground. This situation represents a threat to the environment.
- Contractor Trailer Storage Area was found to be a potential problem with approximately 50 drums labelled "corrosive" and "zinc chloride" stored on the ground, stacked with some positioned on their sides. This situation represents a potential threat to the environment.
- Cleveland Hopkins Airport which is adjacent to South 40 has two corroded tanks and some drums stored outside on the ground with no secondary containment. The area where these items are stored drains onto the South 40 and represents a potential threat to the environment and may impact the "South 40".
- A Second Metal Salvage Area near the landfill area has tankage and equipment stored on the ground. There is no record that these items were decontaminated prior to being placed in South 40. This situation represents a potential threat to the environment.
- Landfill area was observed to have an open, exposed slope that drains to Abrams Creek. A yellow drum was observed on the slope. A drainage ditch runs through the center of the fill area. The airport has contributed to wastes being placed in the landfill and it is difficult to distinguish the boundary between properties. There is no record of the types or quantities of wastes deposited in the landfill. There is also no record of the dates the landfill was actively being utilized, however, NASA staff indicated its usage occurred from 1945 to 1970. The landfill represents a potential threat to the environment.
- <u>Fire Training Pit</u> was found to be no longer present on the landfill although it was observed in a photograph of South 40 taken in 1987 (see Attachment 2). There is no record of what was done to close and

secure the pit. This represents a potential threat to the environment.

- <u>Salt Storage Building and Pesticide Trailers</u> were observed during the site visit. There is indication in the 1987 photograph of South 40 that there may be some distressed vegetation from drainage from the area where these items are located. This situation represents a potential threat to the environment.

Four other areas observed during the site visit that are areas of concern and require further investigation include:

- <u>Building 415</u> which is used for storage of hazardous feedstocks as well as hazardous wastes in drums was found to be an area of concern. Drums were found to be outside secondary containment, extremely hazardous materials (hydrazine) was found to be stored next to mixed wastes, the entire facility needs proper containment systems with no monitoring or sampling program. This is an area of great concern which requires immediate attention.
- Buildings 109 and 136 and the areas adjacent to these buildings were found to be a potential contaminant source due to improper storage of hazardous substances and wastes. Several corroded drums were observed stored outside; four diffusion pumps spray painted "MERCURY" were also stored in the area; there were also six drums of mixed hazardous wastes stored outside. None of these items was stored within a secondary containment area which poses a threat from possible leakage contaminating soil and surface and groundwater. This area requires additional investigation.
- Basins 1, 2 and 3 of the industrial waste treatment system appear to have undergone recent renovation including sealing cracks. There is no monitoring or sampling done adjacent to the basins to assure they are not impacting the environment.
- <u>Substation E</u>, although it appears that a PCB spill that occurred in March, 1987 was properly handled, no sampling and analysis of the affected area was conducted. Further investigation is warranted.

There are numerous potential sources of groundwater contamination. Presently there are no monitoring wells installed at the facility to know if groundwater has been impacted. The sources include the South 40 Area, Buildings 415, 109, 209 and the Basins 1, 2 and 3. Attention should be given to determining if the various activities at these locations plus other potential sources such as the sewers, underground tanks, spills, etc. have contaminated groundwater.

#### 3. SITE INSPECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

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We recommend several follow-on site investigations at LeRC. Specifically, LeRC needs to take the following actions:

• Perform an expanded SI in the "South 40 Area" to more clearly define the extent of contamination of soils and ground and surface waters from the multiple sources identified in the area, including:

- Landfill (no record of what was disposed)
- Fire Training Pit (no record of its removal or cleanup)
- Scrap Area (next to landfill)
- Contractor Trailer Storage Area (drums)
- Tanks and Drums on Cleveland Hopkins Airport Property
- Two Coal Piles
- Building 209 (drums and batteries)
- Substation A (PCBs on ground)
- Scrap Area next to Substation A (drums)
- Salt Storage Shed
- Pesticide Storage Trailers
- Sampling of soils, ground and surface waters in the area between Buildings 109 and 136.
- Sampling of soils, ground and surface waters in the area of Building 415.
- Sampling hard surfaces and soil that were impacted from the PCB spill at Substation E.

## M. Unstable Containment of Wastes

Generally poor housekeeping practices in regards to hazardous waste drum handling/storage and "empty" drum storage such as drums stored outside with no secondary containment.

- 1. Building 209 Drums stacked on their sides next to fence (also in scrap yard), batteries on ground next to fence.
- Contractor Trailer Storage Area Drums labelled "corrosive" and "zinc chloride" are stored on ground, some on their sides.

[COMMENT FROM LeRC: "Drums which were labelled 'corrosive' and 'zinc chloride' are empty and were probably purchased to store other waste."]

- 3. Metal Scrap Area (South 40) Tankage and equipment stored with no record of being decontaminated.
- 4. Building 415 Refrigerant gas canisters and five black drums on their sides; one 10-gallon acid-type canister, one 35-gallon black barrel and eight hazardous waste containing drums all outside the secondary containment area. Containment curbs not continuous. Some drums not properly labelled. No fire extinguishing system; drums stacked; gas canisters not chained; feedstock materials and wastes in same storage area; and extremely hazardous substances (hydrazine) stored at the back of the firing range area (IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED). Building 415 not in compliance with RCRA for storage of hazardous wastes.

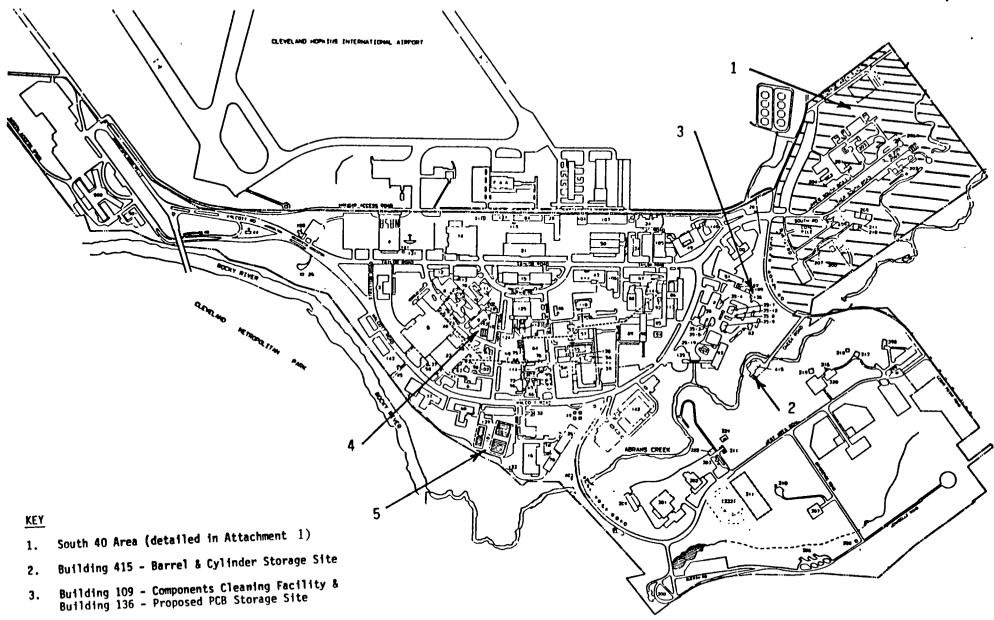
[COMMENT FROM LeRC: "Firing range area precautions include a barrier wall and firing is done downrange away from 415."]

5. Buildings 109 and 136 - Several corroded drums stored outside; four diffusion pumps spray painted "Mercury" stored on ground with no indication that they have been decontaminated; several drums stored outside with no secondary containment.

[COMMENT FROM LeRC: "Diffusion pumps marked 'mercury' stored on the ground were so marked since they were used in a propulsion system that used mercury. Analysis on the inner tank parts of these tests were below EPA toxicity levels."]

- 6. Building 35 Several drums stored outside; mixed wastes under roof but no secondary containment.
- 7. Buildings 301 and 302 Hazardous waste drums stored under roof but no secondary containment; damaged drums outside (one on its side) gas canisters not chained.

- 8. Basins 1, 2 and 3 Evidence of cracking in basins (sealed).
- 9. Substation A Evidence of PCBs in concentration greater than 500 ppm leaking from 5200 gallon capacity transformer. Observed discolored gravel on ground from transformer dripping PCBs.



4. Substation E

5. Basins 1, 2 and 3

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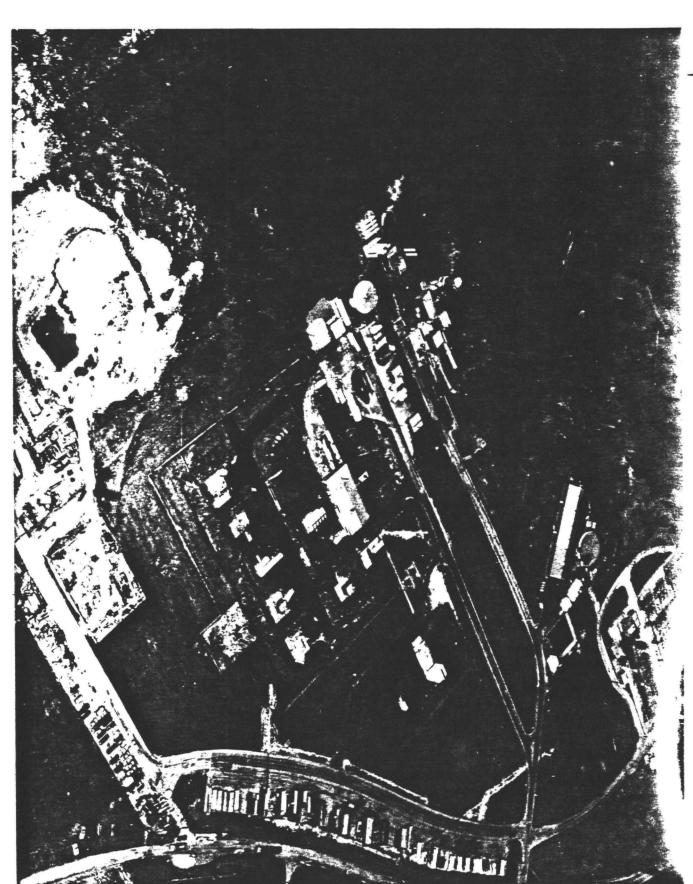
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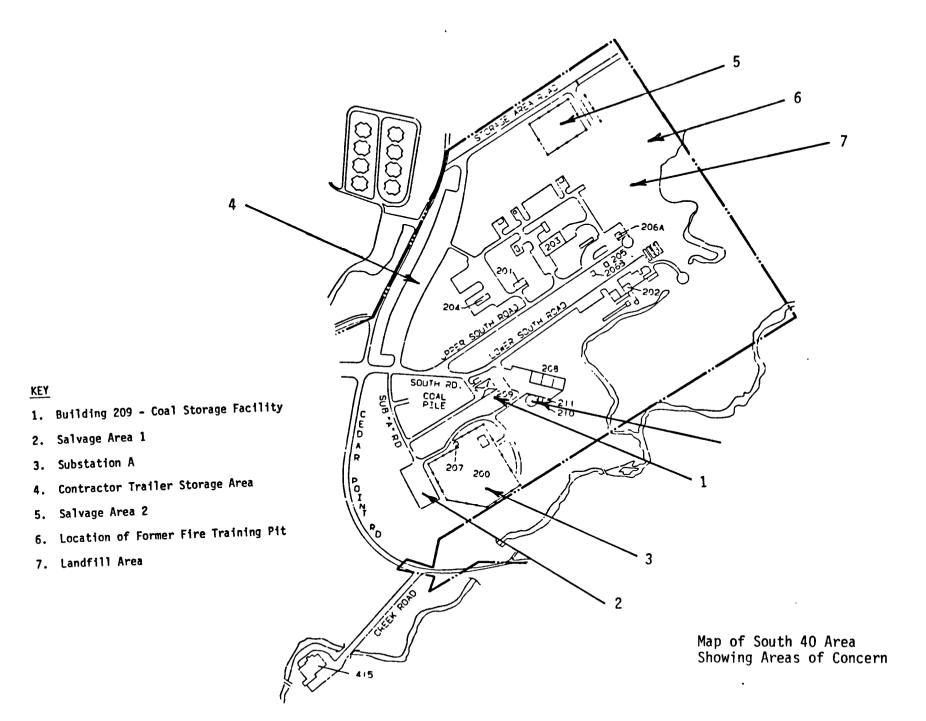
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Showing in

Map of Lewis Research Center Showing Areas of Concern



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## PERSONNEL CONTACT LISTING

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Years at	LeRC
Dr. Julian Earls	Chief of Health, Safety and Security Division	23	
Dr. Albert Smith	Chief of Environmental Health and Chemical Analysis Branch	26	
Michael Mapp	Deputy Chief of Environmental Health and Chemical Analysis Branch	3	
Edward Stevenson	Facilities Planning	25	
David Kuivinen	Asbestos Abatement Program Manager	26	
Vernon Parrish	Coordinator of PCBs	27	
Andy Szuhai	Chief of Facilities Operations and Maintenance Division	39	
Tom Dilling	Contractor Representative for Cortez III	15	
Robert Billy	Equipment Specialist	36	
Bruce Block	Area Five Safety Committee Chairman	26	
Amy Bower	Industrial Hygienist	5	
Pohent Allen	Fire Chief	11	

## References

- 1. Obtained from Environmental Health and Chemical Analysis Branch (contact Albert Smith):
  - Environmental Compliance Audit Report, December 1986
  - Environmental Resource Document, May 1983
  - Plans for Central Chemical Storage Facility
  - Spill Occurrence Reports
  - Noise Survey Report
  - Permits for Fire Training Pit
  - RCRA Permit Application
  - CERCLA Notification
  - NPDES Notices of Violation
- 2. PCB Files from Vernon Parrish, Contract Officer's Representative
- 3. Obtained from Cortez III files in Building 415 (onsite feedstock and waste handling contractor)
  - 1987 and 1988 Manifests
  - Inventory of Lab Pack Wastes
  - Feedstock Inventory
- 4. Conversations between Ebasco representatives, Albert Smith, Michael Mapp, Ed Stevenson and Vern Parrish.

## F. Contamination of Soil

- 1. PCBs leaking from transformer at Substation A, ground stained from PCBs dripping off transformer.
- Fire Training Pit was source of staining and contaminating soil (see photograph of "South 40" area from 1987, Attachment 2).
- 3. Numerous spill incidence reports found in records which may have potentially impacted soils.
- 4. Several areas where improper storage of drums, used tanks and equipment potentially contaminated with hazardous substances observed in "South 40" area, Buildings 415, 209, 109, 136, 301, 302 and 35 represent situations that could potentially contaminate soils.